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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

A fresh, young blizzard, come out of the West!

One would judge by Fleetwood's name that he will be a good runner.

We suppose the Morrisville man doesn't consider that his career is a "dramatic life history," which is sensible enough.

Diligent efforts are being made in Burlington to incubate a candidate for governor, but thus far the ink-blotter hasn't worked.

The Knosbury Standard takes the eleven planks of Mead's platform and whacks the gentle doctor eleven times over the head with them.

Burlington's activity in the hotel line makes St. Albans jealous, and The Messenger remarks that they're going to have a hotel, even if they have to build one. Bravo!

How "ard it is for a reform mayor" to carry out his work is shown by the experience of the young mayor of Salem, Mass., who is beset by his creditors, as well as by his political enemies.

In view of the fact that so many high school senior classes are taking annual trips to Washington, D. C., it occurs to the St. Johnsbury Republican that the youngsters may get the habit of "running for Congress" when they grow up. If the observations taken while in Washington should act as a spur to really laudable ambitions, there would be some thing gained most certainly, and these trips to Washington would be well worth the money expended.

Girls who have ambitions to shine on the stage and without just reason for the ambition get warnings now and then from the failures of others. The latest is the niece of Senator Atkins, who, despite vigorous opposition, persisted in making a try at the work, only to become discouraged and take poison. The advice managers have right along said "Don't," to the small army of incapable girl who apply or who want to apply; and now, perhaps, the warning will have the further weight.

The Evening Argus received to-day a particularly well-considered and timely article, signed "One of Montpelier's Heaviest Taxpayers," which unfortunately bore no other signature, and consequently, could not be printed.—Montpelier Argus.

It is a peculiar state of mind which animates some intelligent people with something really worth while to tell, that their names attached to an article of that sort does not carry weight. A signed communication from a responsible party is immeasurably stronger than an anonymous article of the same relative matter.

## LONG SERVICE OF TEACHERS.

Three teachers in the St. Johnsbury public schools have taught more than seventy terms of school there, while another teacher has served the public fifty terms. It would be interesting information to place along with this statement of long and presumably efficient service just how much was the proportion of increase in salaries as the teachers progressed in experience and capability to teach young children, up to, of course, that stage when their best service has been done. If the teachers were not given handsome recognition in the shape of increased salaries, it is no credit to them that they remained teaching in St. Johnsbury and it is certainly less of a credit to the town which hires them for so many years. In other lines of work, it is decided that as the workman advances in experience he deserves better pay for his services, because he is better able to bring increased returns to his employer; and the same rule should apply to the teaching profession. Perhaps St. Johnsbury has followed the system of increasing the salaries of its teachers in this manner. We hope so, at any rate; likewise many other communities in Vermont, for thereby is set up an incentive for strong teachers to remain in their present positions.

SWAPPING HORSES IN THE STREAM

One town in Vermont has 14 candidates for road commissioner. The roads in this burg must be in horrible condition.—Waterbury Record.

There seems to be a juxtaposition of cause and effect right in the little paragraph of the contemporary; they change road commissioners so often that new methods of road building are being constantly introduced, with each succeeding holder of the office tearing down or nullifying the value of the work which his predecessor has done. There are many minds on the subject of road building, more, perhaps, than on any other line of public work, and the "solutions" of



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the vexing problems of what is best are advanced in bewildering confusion to the people of the communities and, when actually practiced, to the detriment of the work of permanent road making. There may be other causes in the town, which the contemporary mentions, to occasion so many candidacies for the office of road commissioner, and one of the most potent may be the unfair outlay of the town and state road money in certain favored sections of the town. This unfairness is something which commissioners must guard against, and when they continue in the same policy it will be for the best interests of the town as a whole to discontinue their services. Otherwise, provided a capable official has been secured, it is better to retain him in office, rather than to waste the necessary time to educate another to the same degree of experience in the work of constructing highways. The worth of an experienced man in the position is shown by the results in the town of Williamstown, where the same official has been retained year after year for a long period, and as a result Williamstown has the reputation of possessing some of the best dirt roads to be found in the state of Vermont. The town with fourteen candidates for road commissioner is poor, indeed; and the quicker the citizens settle their jealousies the better for the interests of the community.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Fleetwood's Torch.

Candidate Fleetwood says, "The stand, and should preserve the standard bearer." Does this mean, in plain English, that someone should volunteer to carry the torch?—St. Johnsbury Republican.

Winter in Rutland.

When snowshoes parties on East mountain handle telephone wires as they walk along, and when rural letter carriers kneel on snow banks and reach down to boxes that have been exposed by the excavations of their owners, it is time to admit that winter is doing business in this section. And both of these things are happening within the last few days.—Rutland News.

Good Governor Some Day.

Charles W. Gates of Franklin, state highway commissioner, has announced that he will not be a candidate for governor. This is a disappointment to his many friends throughout the state. That he would have a strong following is positive but he states that he cannot give up his present position. Mr. Gates is an excellent road builder and will some day no doubt, make an excellent governor.—Barton Monitor.

Charles W. Gates.

It may confidently be expected that the people of Vermont generally, without regard to their preference for candidate for the governorship, will commend the reasons set forth by State Highway Commissioner Gates for not entering the contest himself. Many men that would have been glad to vote for him will respect the sense of duty that keeps him at his present post. He is

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a good Vermont and this is only the most recent evidence of it that his career affords.—St. Albans Messenger.

## Remarkable Coincidences.

"The fact that the and the both issued the same day, take up the same line of thought on a phase of the head candidacy, shows that great minds still bow along in the same channel, regardless of distance and mountain peaks."—Northfield News.

But these remarks, one might almost say, are coincidences in the Vermont newspaper field no longer deceive thoughtful people. The day has passed when people believed that all they read in the press must be true because it was printed, and the printed word was held in something like the superstitious reverence with which it is even now regarded by the Chinese.

So, the ordinarily well informed man of to-day knows pretty well how political press bureaus get in their work with such newspapers as will lend their columns to them, and he discounts, instinctively, the sudden outburst of some sheet into a pitch and character of editorial persuasiveness during a political campaign that it was not wont to employ before.

And the ordinary man knows pretty well, too, that the great majority of newspapers in this day do not consent to such methods.—St. Albans Messenger.

## Candidate for Associate Judge.

Attorney George H. Dale is a candidate for the position of associate judge of the Washington county court. Mr. Dale announces his candidacy after consulting with many of his friends throughout the county, who are anxious to see his name presented at this early date.

Two years ago Mr. Dale was a candidate for the position and was defeated by a favorite candidate from one of the Mad River valley towns. The gentlemanly way in which our townsman took his defeat left no scars to confront his candidacy at this time.

As to Mr. Dale's fitness for the position, it goes without saying. His legal training has certainly given him opportunities to study the needs and requirements of the office. The office of associate judge needs a business man, as well as one versed in legal matters. In Mr. Dale the county will find both. He is a law student and a successful business man.

Mr. Dale has been honored many times in both town and village positions, and has always proven himself a good official and in every way entitled to further recognition. If the county convention honors Mr. Dale with the nomination, which is equivalent to an election, a good fellow will be promoted to the position to which he aspires.

Waterbury will seek no other recognition before the county convention, and considering the way different sections of the county are asking for recognition, we fall to see any reason why Waterbury's candidate for associate judge should not be unanimously nominated.—Waterbury Record.

## F. L. Greene for Governor.

The announcement that Hon. Charles W. Gates of Franklin would be a candidate for the governorship that appeared in the Boston Sunday Herald was, it seems, unfounded. On the contrary, Mr. Gates, after due consideration, announced on Monday's St. Albans Messenger that he would not be a candidate for the governorship nomination this year. Mr. Gates feels that it would be improper for him to continue his work as state highway commissioner and at the same time be a candidate. It would be difficult to dissociate business and politics. It would lay him open to the charge of using his official station to promote his campaign. On the other hand, he is convinced that in order to carry on the work of the state highway department as planned, he would not be able to devote the necessary time to the promotion of his nomination. Messrs. Mead and Fleetwood. The decision of Messrs. Merrill and Gates not to enter may pave the way to the candidacy of another Franklin county man, who has been talked quietly in various parts of the state for some time. It would not be the strongest thing if the nomination should go to Frank L. Greene, editor of the St. Albans Messenger. The worst stumbling block would be to get him to run. He has no taste or liking for active politics, and is no self-seeker, but he has all the elements of strength for a popular candidate, and if elected would give the state an honest, fearless and progressive administration. If he would but say the word, hundreds and thousands of his friends all over Vermont would rally for him and send him in flying.—Randolph Herald and News.

## BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Peter Begor, a Rutland Laborer, Has Debts of \$370.04.

Rutland, Feb. 18.—Peter Begor of this city, a laborer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court. His liabilities are \$370.04 and he has assets of \$170, all claimed exempt.

## FAILED IN MEAT BUSINESS.

Lillian A. Trick of Burlington Has Debts of \$3,416.50.

Rutland, Feb. 18.—Lillian A. Trick of Burlington, proprietor of a meat market, to-day filed a petition in bankruptcy at the office of the clerk of the federal court. She has liabilities of \$3,416.50 and assets of \$1,275, of which \$200 was claimed as exempt.

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## JINGLES AND JESTS.

Nerve.

"Is he a man of nerve?"  
"Nerve, I should say he is. He bid on a city contract and when he found that his competitor's bid was lowest, he actually asked for a chance to bid again."  
—Detroit Free Press.

## The Verdict.

Puck, a sitting on the hill,  
Spied two lovers by the rill.  
Doing things that lovers do  
When their love is fond and true;  
Just a pressure of the hand,  
Flash of eyes—you understand,  
Glancing toward the couple, he cried:  
"What fools these mortals be!"

Later on he spied a pair—  
Strephon strong, and Phillis fair;  
Deep affection in each heart,  
Yet their ways ran far apart!  
He'd no courage for the test,  
She deemed coldness for the best,  
Puck observed impatiently:  
"Oh, what fools these mortals be!"

I don't know what can be done  
For to please this jeering one,  
If we do, or if we don't;  
If we will, or if we won't;  
Spite of how we play the game,  
Still the verdict is the same,  
Hard to such a fate to bow—  
Guess we're all fools, anyhow!  
—John Kendrick Bangs, in Ainslie's.

## Both Too True.

"Of course," said the very talkative person on the back platform, "no man ever is a hero to his valet." "And what is much more to the purpose," said the sour-faced individual in the doorway, "no woman ever was a saint to her hired girl."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Preparatory.

Redd—The college meet will soon begin preparations for next season's football.

Greene—Why, they don't play football until the fall.  
"I know it. But they must begin to let their hair grow pretty soon!"  
—Yonkers Statesman.

## The Worst Ever.

"Is our new congressman homely?"  
Well, I should say! Did you ever see a photograph of him?"  
"Why, no. But I've seen caricatures of him."

"Oh, they flatter him. You should see one of his photographs."—Catholic Standard and Times.

## The Warrior's Experience.

"Colonel," asked the beautiful young widow, "have you ever actually snuffed the smoke of battle?"  
"No," replied the gallant member of the governor's staff, "but I have carried the powder of many a conflict on my shoulder."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Shakespeare.

"A horse—a horse! Me kingdom for a horse!" screamed Richard III., rattling the hilt of his sword in order to add to the racket.  
"Machado broke down again?" inquired a gallery god maliciously.—Cleveland Leader.

## The "Weaker Sex."



Miss Forty—I don't see why the men call in the "weaker sex." I'm sure they seem to be the ones that are afraid to marry.

## Immune From Blarney.

Mistress—Bridget, it always seems to me that the crankiest mistresses get the best cooks.

Cook—Ah, go on wild yer blarney!—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## Not a Patriot.

Hix—Would you be willing to fight for your country if necessary?  
Dix—Not me. I passed two weeks in the country last summer.—Chicago News.

## The Probable Reason.

The wind went left the waves rest. This makes them mad, no doubt. And I am really led to think that's why the waters part.  
—St. Louis Star.

## STATE COW TESTING ASSO.

Held at Burlington in Connection with Farmers' Week.

Burlington, Feb. 18.—Yesterday was one of the most interesting days of farmers' week. Beside the regular schedule of lectures, addresses and demonstrations, morning, afternoon and evening plans for a state cow testing organization were considered, and the first annual banquet of the Vermont Dairy School Alumni association was given at Commons hall. The attendance is climbing well up toward 300, and will probably have reached that figure by to-night.

Three distinct sets of lectures and demonstrations were given yesterday morning and afternoon, under the general heads of dairying, horticulture and forestry. The dairying series consisted of the following lectures: "Dairy Farm Management," by L. B. Dodge; "Breeding Farm Animals," by Prof. J. W. Sanborn; "Milk Bacteria," by Prof. H. A. Edson; "What Shall I Do with the Cow I've Got?" by Prof. B. M. Washburn. In the afternoon, F. W. Wiggins delivered an address at two o'clock, the subject of which was, "Does It Pay to Test One's Cows?" Of the two demonstrations which were scheduled at three, only one was given. "Judging Dairy Cows." The Ayreses were judged by C. M. Winslow, the Guernseys by Dr. F. A. Rich, and the Jerseys by Prof. B. M. Washburn.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, a meeting of the seven cow testing associations now operating in the state was held, for the purpose of forming a central organization. F. W. Wiggins of Quebec was elected president. T. J. Benson of East Hardwick, vice president, and C. L. Hason, Jr., of White River Junction, secretary and treasurer.

## VERMONT BANKERS MET.

Elected C. F. Chapman of Woodstock as President.

Woodstock, Feb. 18.—The regular annual meeting of the Vermont State Bankers' association was held in this place yesterday afternoon and last evening, with about fifty members present. The feature of the afternoon meeting was an address delivered by Hon. E. M. Scammon, one of the bank commissioners of the state of New Hampshire on banking and the policy of the banks of his native state.

The election of officers followed, with the following result: President, C. F. Chapman of Woodstock; vice-president, F. H. Farrington of Rutland; secretary, I. M. Russell of White River Junction; treasurer, E. L. Wells of Orwell, executive committee for two years, C. P. Smith of Burlington, W. H. Roberts of Manchester and C. E. Lowe of Montpelier. The commission appointed by Governor Proctor relative to the banking laws of the state, was represented by Fred A. Howland of Montpelier and F. H. Farrington of Rutland, but Olin Merrill of Keosauqua Falls was unable to be present, having missed his train in St. Albans.

In the evening a sumptuous banquet was served by the Ottawaquewa Savings bank of Woodstock and a fine list of speakers was provided for the occasion.

## New Burlington Hotel Planned.

Max L. Powell of Burlington has stated that a company to be capitalized at \$200,000 will be formed to build a new hotel in that city, on the site of the old Hotel Burlington, with the additional land occupied by the old Walker building. The stock is to be divided into \$100,000 preferred and the balance common stock. It is hoped that the greater part of the stock will be disposed of to Burlington people, to give the enterprise more of a local color. The new Burlington is to be one of the best hotels in the state, or New England, with 150 sleeping rooms, either with both connected or with a bathroom between each two rooms. It is proposed to have the dining room on the fifth, or top floor, to afford a view of the lake and to have a palm garden on the same floor. Both American style and a la carte meals will be served. Plans are being prepared by several firms of architects and it is hoped the work may be commenced right away on the project.

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## IMPUDENT POLICE.

What the New Head of the Force in Berlin Discovered.

Herr von Jagow, Berlin's new police president, spent the first weeks of his official career in making the round of the local offices disguised as a civilian. Some episodes in his Al Raachid experiences deserve to be recorded.

One evening a civilian in the ordinary Berlin dress entered a police station in the west of the city and requested to see the lieutenant in charge. The sergeant strolled out of the inner room and said: "Lieutenant isn't here. Better tell me what you've got to say." The civilian said he would prefer to see the lieutenant himself and he would return shortly.

About a quarter of an hour later the civilian again appeared and asked for the lieutenant. The sergeant said police lieutenant had something better to do than hang about half the evening in case some civilian had some silly story to tell. The civilian went away, but returned half an hour later and again asked for the lieutenant. "Isn't here, confound you!" said the sergeant, or words to that effect.

"Well, but the lieutenant must be somewhere about. Cannot you find him? He is on duty, isn't he?" "That's got nothing to do with you. The lieutenant comes and goes when he chooses, do you understand?" "Oh, yes, I understand, but I insist on speaking to the lieutenant at once."

"Here, of all the beastly cheek!" "That'll do, I happen to be the police president!"

The sergeant silently called on the earth to cover him, and the president coolly sat down to wait the return of the defaulting lieutenant.

When the latter at last appeared, some hours later, the president had a particularly intimate conversation with him for about half an hour, and the lieutenant reported himself very, very sick the next day.

A few days afterward a quiet looking little man strolled into the big public hall of the police headquarters and caught sight of a swaggering young police officer strolling down the room with a cigar in his mouth.

"I beg your pardon," said the quiet looking little man, "but isn't smoking forbidden here?"

"Confound your infernal impudence," was the reply. "You keep your questions to yourself or get out of here!" The president smiled, strode across to his private office, produced the requisite key and invited the horrified officer to come and have a chat about insolence in general.

It is needless to say that all civilian Berlin is chuckling over these stories, which one can but hope may turn out to be well founded.—Pall Mall Gazette.

## The Wonderful Banana.

Some people believe that the banana was the original forbidden fruit of the garden of Eden. In any case it is one of the curiosities of the vegetable kingdom, being not a tree, a palm, a bush, a shrub, a vegetable or a herb, but a herbaceous plant with the status of a tree. Although it sometimes attains a height of thirty feet, there is no woody fiber in any part of its structure and the bunches growing on the dwarf banana plant are often heavier than the stalk which supports them. No other plant gives such a quantity of food to the acre as the banana. It yields 44 times more by weight than the potato and 132 times more than wheat. Moreover, no insect will attack it, and it is always immune from diseases of any kind.

## THE FIGHTING GAME.

Its Money Side Is Nearing the Realm of High Finance.

Pugilism continues to be the main art of self defense, but it has taken on another aspect as well. In the light of recent events, as a means of livelihood it offers inducements superior to all others. It is a hard, grueling life, full of uppers and knockouts. It is attended with some danger and much talk, but the rewards in cash and fame which await those who climb into the ring and stay there are greater than are offered by commerce, finance, the professions, the stage or even royal thrones themselves.

Taking no account of the weeks of training and other preparation, but dealing only with the time consumed by the fight itself, the successful—and in some cases the unsuccessful—pugilist earns in that period more money than any other man on earth. Say the purse is divided on a basis of 60 and 40 per cent. The big fights are supposed to run three hours, although, as a matter of fact, they seldom last that long. Figure for yourself the division of the Nelson-Gans purse of \$69,715, the Jeffries-Sharkey purse of \$97,000, the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons purse of \$63,000 and the Jeffries-Corbett prize of \$62,340.

The purse offered in the coming battle between Jeffries and Johnson is \$101,000, the largest amount ever "hung up" for such a purpose. The winner will receive approximately \$60,000 for three hours' fighting, or \$21,000 an hour. The hourly income of John D. Rockefeller is placed at \$3,640, or something over one-seventh of the reward of pugilism. The czar of Russia is supposed to receive \$2,105 every sixty minutes, while Caruso gets \$650 and Edward VII. \$270 for the same period.

But, as if this were not enough, the man who earns \$63,000 for a three hours' battle will also receive the lion's share of at least \$200,000, estimated as the value of the moving picture receipts. His total earnings may therefore amount to \$150,000 and possibly \$200,000. These are figures which make even multimillionaires sit up and take notice. The rewards of pugilism have raised it to the dignity of high finance.—Chicago Tribune.

## Meat Cured by Electricity.

For the last three years meat has been cured by electricity in much less time than was required by the old method. The meat is placed in large wooden tanks and covered with the ordinary pickle. An alternating current of thirty-five amperes at thirty-five volts is passed through the vat, the alternating current serving to prevent electrocution. Carbon electrodes are used, which are surrounded by porous cups that dip into the brine. The cost of curing a vatful of meat (4,000 pounds) is less than \$1. The action of the current is not perfectly understood.

## Palm Pine Forests.

Professor David, who holds the chair of geology in the University of Sydney and who accompanied Sir Ernest Shackleton in his recent expedition to the antarctic, has been making some interesting observations on his discoveries there. The fossil woods he had found showed that pine forests had flourished in the vicinity of the south pole at a remote geological epoch. The coast seems he had discovered suggested the same conclusion. At that time there was more or less continuous land from Australia to the south pole. The climate all over the world was at that period probably much milder than at present.